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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1, 3 & 15

Part B for January 1919

SUBJECT.

Investigation of selected subjects of general importance by the Special Committee of the Rep Assembly.

(1) Letter dt 11-7-17 from Rao S. Venkatesiah, Dewan Karaikudi requesting the supplies with certain information & statistics about Rural Posts.

(2) Ans. The above gentleman vide G 1390 dt 2-8-17 furnishes the above information.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Investigation of selected subjects of general importance by the Special Committees of the Representative Assembly.

From

Mr. S. Venkatasiah, Advocate, Hassan.

No. Letter Dated 11-7-17 Received 12-7-17

Diary No. 287	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

With reference to Govt. Proceedings No. G.18601-50-G.2n.554-16-1 dt 19-8-1917, requests to be supplied with certain information and statistics about "Rural Posts".

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IMMEDIATE.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Branch II is requested to furnish the information required in the above along with the connected file.

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The current file regarding the postal
lities in the State is before the Fin Secre
Recently, places where new and increased
postal facilities are needed have been divided
into 3 groups according to their relative im-
portance chiefly based on population, to be
taken up for consideration by the postal authorities in the coun
of the next three years and the Residency has
been addressed in the matter. From the Com
munications with the postal authorities
which are available in the file, it is doubtfu
if the postal authorities will be prepared
to carry out any larger scheme or even the
modest proposals that have now been made
to them. Final reply from the Residency has
not yet come.

3 The postal authorities have only committed
themselves to carry out a scheme costing only
Rs 300 a month in the course of their current
official year. Whether they will cut down or
retain the proposed programme for the year
is not yet known. The question whether the State
has to be divided into one or more circles for
postal purposes is under the consideration of
the authorities and also the one as to how far
the increasing financial responsibilities may be shared by
the State. Before these only fundamental questions

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are solved, it is not possible to state what ~~policy~~ shape the postal policy will assume or what information may be furnished to the Committee for the Improvement of rural post.

4 They may perhaps be furnished with a lists of the proposals that have now been made and asked to suggest any alterations in the programs for the years.

5 The Chairman of the committee desires to have the statistics of the number of Branch offices (Departmental or Extra-Departmental) Sub-offices or Village postmen & the number of articles delivered by them. Similar statistics for British India or any area therein & particularly of the Tanjore District if available.

6 The annual reports for the whole of British India for 13-14 & 14-15 are available which deal with the Indian Provinces & no special portion is allotted to the ~~Le~~ postal administration of the State as it appears to be included in that of Madras. Even the British Indian Districts are not separately dealt with. As for Chief and Branch offices, the latest postal guide gives the information but even here there is no separate list for the State & the offices find their places in alphabetical list along with the names of

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officers in British India. Any further information if needed, the postal authorities will have to be addressed through the Residency.

Submitted for orders. 7) Please obtain and put up a copy of the note prepared in the Finance branch for Dewan's information in connection with his visit to Delhi. That note gives necessary information.

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X 8) No note seems to have been put up at the time except what is placed below. It contains two drafts to the Residency, one on postal facilities and another on telegraph facilities, and also an introductory note which only says that the drafts contain all necessary information on the subject. The draft on postal facilities has been superseded by another & despatched by the Residency sometime after the Dewan's return from Delhi. This is referred to in para 2 of these notes.

Submitted 9) The information contained in TSR 1917. the papers marked A & B in pencil may if you desire, now be placed before the Member.

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10) Submitted for orders with reference to paragraph 9 supra.

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11) May be sent U 27/7/17

12) Draft submitted.

HMR bl 29.7.17. 13 June U 7/8/17

3 To Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Advocate, Hanamkonda. No. 1390 D 2.8.17

Furnishes certain information re: "Rural Posts"; As requested in sl: 1.

15 From Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Convener of the Committee Constituted for the consideration of "Improvement of Rural Post."

Forwards the report of the Special Committee of the Rep. Assembly Constituted to consider the "Improvement of Rural Post", & states that it was adopted at a meeting of the Committee held at Warangal on 10.9.17 - and that all the members excepting Messrs Ancha Veeragowda & Kesava Narasaiah attended the meeting

14 This may be sent to Branch II for favor of further action.

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II Sir, Sir 16/9/17 HMR bl 13/9/17

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File P&J 1-16 is put up with P&J 3-17.

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15 In the limited scope Govt have, every endeavour is now made to improve the postal facilities in the State. A programme of improvements has been sketched and the postal authorities have undertaken to introduce them in the course of the current year and the next two years. They have also promised to incur an additional Expenditure of Rs 300 a month for the purpose. On the requisition of the Postal authorities, the Dy Comrs have been asked to assist the local postal authorities in securing men for the posts of post masters, runners as cheaply as possible.

16 According to the Report on Public Instruction in Mysore for 1915-16 there are 4930 Village Elementary Schools in the State, but during the last year, P&V1 say, that a Thousand more must have been added. For the Exact information, D.G. of Education has to be consulted. It may be

P&J 1-16

17 Steps are being taken to get a single officer appointed responsible to the State for the steady increase of postal facilities & for Govt of India for the proper postal administration

18 Suggestion that the results of the operations should be judged as a whole. — The question of redistributing the postal divisions from three into one or two is under consideration

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The Director General has stated that it is not feasible to place 400 post offices under one Superintendent & that he is getting the question examined whether there should not be two instead of 3. When the object of Govt of getting a single officer responsible for the State & Govt of India is secured, much of the present troubles may it appears, be overcome.

9 The statistics for the State are at present included in those of Madras. The postal authorities may, perhaps be requested to furnish separately the Statistics for the State in their annual report

10 As regards Suggestions 2 & 3 in the report the Statistics & the rules are not available & the postal authorities may be asked to furnish the same.

11 In the Administration Report of the State, a para is devoted for Posts & Telegraphs

22 The Daily Post containing the article on Rural post offices is put up as desired by the H/S. Jn.

Secd 23. If the Dussehra recess wants TSR 24/9. simple, it might suffice.

Not much has been taken in the point at A in para 18 above. That

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is input - This will be done after the file is returned from Moscow.

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25/7/17

1. The Bureau section ... to their memo ... After receipt ... done, the file may ... back for further ... action in this ...

1917 Committee Report published [illegible] Section on 25/9.

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2. Matters referred to in paras 17 & 18 above will be separately taken up. It is not clear if any other action is necessary on the suggestions in the report.

25 The Dy Comrs to whom the programmes for the three years have been sent may be asked to state on consulting the leaders if the present arrangement is satisfactory or whether the programmes need any alteration. Besides this report many petitions are also being received from various villages for specific improvements. It is desirable the Dy Comrs take note of these prayers and suggestions & submit to Govt a Comprehensive readjustment of the progms for the next two years, if not of the Current year, to facilitate correspondence with the Residency. The programmes cannot increase in magnitude. This way, the public will come to know the limitations within which they can make their representations.

26 As this report will be considered in council

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to be held on the 4th proxime, this is resubmitted for suitable orders,

TSR JMM.
2/12.

Resubmitted for orders.

TSR
3/12.

2) As regards the Special Committee report, the Representative Assembly have been told that the constitution of Hupore offices into a separate postal unit in charge of a single officer is under correspondence with Govt of India.

3) This question is being separately dealt with. These papers may be recorded.

TSR JMM.
3/12.

4) Dussehra leave.

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4.12.17

5) Keep the file in the Section and remind Branch for report of progress every month.

JMM
3/12/17.

Rect 6/12/17

6) Br II for favor of noting progress as directed in para: 3 a supra.

4/1/18

7) A/S Hon. has ordered that the matter referred to in Para 27 may be taken up after the final disposal of a certain recent reference re postal facilities.

Please explain

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from the Residency. The Dy Comrs have been asked to furnish their opinions regarding certain suggestions made by the Postal Master General Madras & replies are awaited. Secretariat

Subd 33. The exact stage in which the question is stands noted

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34. The Postal authorities have ~~written~~ intimated that new post offices are opened in 25 out of 30 places proposed by Govt for the current year and have also pointed out certain inconveniences as regards several other proposals. Opinions and suggestions of the Dy Comrs have been called for and their replies are awaited

Subd 35. The reply from the D.C. Mysore regarding Nanjan P.O. has been received today. Remind the other Dy Comrs

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36 Reminders are issued to day. This file may go back to Dasserah Section.

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37 Submitted for information (Refer to para 30 supra)

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38) Thereby

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not yet come (over)
for the [illegible]
Mr A/s has ordered
[illegible] Consolidated 4% [illegible]
[illegible] Local Loans
[illegible] Stock &
[illegible] Ch-fide [illegible]
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39) Branch II for kindly noting the progress on the subject as directed in paragraph 30 above.

MHR 4/4/18 [illegible]

40 [Replies from the Dy Comrs are still awaited. Reminders have been issued. - This is Vapu.]

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Subd. 7/2 [illegible]

41 Please note mine Specifically the Raja

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42 Please see paras 34 & 35. D.C Mysore has replied. Replies from the Dy Comrs of Tumkur, Hassan & Shimoga are awaited. Last reminders were issued on the 2nd instant. Further reminders will be issued to day.

Subd 9/2 Dassnah Veeh)

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43 Submitted for information with reference to para 30 Supra

MHR 12/2/18 [illegible]

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44 Br II for favour of noting progress.

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45 Reminders have again been issued to the Dy Comrs (on the 6th instant)

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46 Please send special reminder again 18/4/3

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1 This may be sent to Dasara Section. Special reminders will be issued. To Dasara section for note & return
26/3/18

143. Submitted for information with reference to paragraph 30 supra.
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Br. II for favour of noting progress.
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5 Reminders have again been issued.
10/5 5/5 1) The comms addressed to Navy should be noted.
2). The Branch should see that weekly reminders are issued till the cases dispd of
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Residency has been addressed in Pol. 1075 dy 17. 5. 18. and the Dy Comrs have been reminded, in GR 6597-C dy 7. 5. 18., to furnish addl info in accordance with the Resy
A reminder is also separately put up. to day.
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5 Submitted for information.

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5 For favor of noting pro-gress as directed in paragraph 3 supra.

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5 Of the two Dy Comrs from whose opinions had been called for re Certain postal facilities as subjoined by the Postal Authorities D.G. Tels has replied & the draft proposed is subd to H. Secy.

5 The D.G. Hassan has been reminded to expedite his reply.

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5 Submitted for information

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No reply has yet come from the D. Comr. Hassan. Reminder has been issued & it is hoped another reminder will issue today.

Yes | 1

Further a reference has been received from the Chief Residency in connection with the question of establishing a branch post office at Neeman Koppa Taluk and of placing a letter box at Mugalur, Krishnarajpet Taluk.

This is to be the 2nd reply

The reference has been looked up & submitted separately

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Yes

This may be sent to Dasara Section

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Submitted for information.

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Mr. Financial Letter for favor of nothing progress as required in paragraph 30 Supra

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IMPERIAL SECRETARIAT BANGALORE

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The D.C Hassan has furnished his review on the several suggestions of the postal Dept on the postal facilities proposed for the Dt.

D.1501. 3-3-17.

The draft to Resideney in the matter ch. post separately

As regards other of the postal facilities referred to in the previous para the views of Govt have been communicated to the Postal Dept through the Resideney.

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This may be sent back to the Dasara Section

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Submitted for information.

27/12 Please put up 8th progress with progress noted up to date

progress report on The Statement of promises was submitted separately on 15.1.19. Submitted. This may perhaps be now recorded after consulting Mr H Leveett where action is being taken.

17/1/19

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT. BANGALORE. 18 JAN 1919

This may be recorded as suggested above as it does not serve any useful purpose to keep the file open. Action is being taken for the completion of the programme which has been promised & introduced into the Assembly

Please quote these No. of the file

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To Dasara Section

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Submitted for orders as to whether this may be recorded now.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

S. VENKATESAIYA, B.A., B.L.,
Advocate.

HASSAN
(Dated) 11/7/17.

q.v. for favour of personal attention Dwell 12/7 14/12/17

To S. M. Narasinga Rao Esqr. B.A. B.L.
Secy. to Govt. Gen. Dept.

Dear Sir,

with reference to Govt Proceedings of 19/5/17 No. G. 1800-50-G.M554-16-1 appointing Special committees of the Representative assembly I should be obliged if you will kindly let me have such information as may be available about "Rural posts". It is difficult to specify specific points but the committee would be obliged for all the information that may be supplied. I would particularly like to have statistics of the number of Branch offices (departmental & Extra departmental) sub-offices & village postmen & the number of articles delivered by them. Similar statistics for comparison of British India or any area therein. Comparison with figures for the Tanjore District if they could be got might be interesting.

Yours faithfully
S. Venkatesaiya

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Date of issue 2/8/17

Signed by Mr T.E Jayarama Iyer.

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No. G. 1390

To S. Venkatesiah Esq B.A. B.L
Advocate, Hassan

Furnishe- information

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 11th July 1917 re- questing to be furnished with some information about "Rural-ports" I am directed to note in the margin the available statistics relating to Bombay and Madras and to state that excluding the post offices situated in the Civil & Military Station Bangalore, the Numbers

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in the State
of Post-offices at the beginning
of 1915–16. was 400, ~~and~~ two
New offices were established
And three were closed during
1915–16 ~~And~~ so that the Number at the
end of the Year was 399.
These Consisted of 4 head
offices, 102 Sub offices, and
293 branch offices.

Out of the 399 offices the
Numbers of Combined post
and telegraph offices was
54 viz 4 Head offices, and
50 Sub offices. There
was no office ~~located~~ devoted
exclusively to telegraph
work during 1915–16.

I am also to State
that while there ~~has been~~ was
an annual average increase
of 250 in the Number of
Post offices in British India
during the decade ending 1915–16.

List of enclosures

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(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

The Number in the Imperial State ~~has been~~ was practically Stationary for nearly 30 Years.

I have &c.

W. 28/7/14

For Secretary & Govt Gen. Department

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10-9-1917.
(Camp: Arsikere)

To.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr. B.A. B.L.
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness The Maharaja of Mysore
General Department
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Report of the Special Committee of the Representative Assembly constituted to consider the "Improvement of Rural Post". The report was adopted at a meeting of the Committee held at Arsikere on 10-9-17: All the members except Messrs Hutchaveregowda & Krishnashastry attended

Please acknowledge receipt and oblige.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
your most obedient servant
S. Venkatarangaiya
Convener

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REPORT of the Special Committee of the Mysore Representative Assembly constituted for consideration of "Improvement of Rural ~~Posts~~ Posts":-

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It is now nearly thirty years since the British Indian Postal System was introduced into Mysore. It is the obvious truth that the people of the Province generally are fully appreciative of the benefits of the System. In the rural parts however the improvements and benefits are not quite as obvious. The bulk of the people live in rural areas and when the benefits of improvements do not reach them it is a matter deserving of serious attention. This consideration derives added force when the question relates to a commercial undertaking by the State, which enjoys a monopol and the revenues derived therefrom have in them a very distinct element of taxation. Further the monopoly and the revenues are enjoyed exclusively by the Government of India.

The principal if not the sole justification for such a commercial monopoly by the State is efficiency of administration. It is hardly possible to suggest that this ideal is approached within reasonable degree of proximity when the service is inefficient in rural parts and therefore in so far as it concerns the majority of the people. The frequency with which the subject has been brought to the notice of Government in the Representative Assembly bears eloquent testimony to the inconveniences of the people in our Province.

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For more than a decennium the Postal Department has generally been a source of profit and during the past quinquennium in particular the Revenues from - Post Offices has shown a distinct tendency towards - increase. According to Sir John Strachy "the Government has not aimed at making a profit from the Post Office". The profits were largely devoted to the improvement of the Postal Service. The general tendency in progressive countries is also very pronounced in - the same direction of devoting postal profits to improving the source.

As pointed above the Revenues have shown a very distinct tendency to grow during the past five years and our State like other parts of the country contributes to these profits in a fair ratio to its population. We may also point out that in this Service - administered by Government of India the natives of - the State do not get that proportion of employment - which they may justly claim and particularly in the higher grades of the Service. We are therefore convinced that our State has an undeniable claim to - press for immediate and substantial improvements of the Service in the State.

The unprogressive character of the Postal administration in the State is a matter of common observation. There are branch offices which judged by the magnitude of their transactions may be raised into Sub Offices. There are branch offices whose - Post Masters not merely attend to office work but - also carry mails. As/this were not sufficient they deliver letters not merely in their own village but

also in neighbouring villages. There are road-side villages through which the Mail passes daily but - which in spite of repeated prayers are unable to - obtain a Branch Office. In the period between '02 and '12 the number of Village Postmen rose from - 7,944 to 8,219 for all India. The apparent inadequacy of the rise is noticed and thus amounted for officially. "Every Office opened in a rural tract reduces the necessity for Village Postmen, and the large increase in the number of such offices accounts for the fact that the increase in the number of - Village Postmen is comparatively small". While this is the apologetic explanation for the smallness of - the increase in British India we are not aware of the explanation for the situation in Mysore. We have not been able to get the figures for the Province but we are under the impression that here not merely is there no increase in the number of Village Postmen but there seems to have been an actual decrease. Whatever may be the accuracy of our impression of 'an increasing - number of offices reducing the necessity for Village Postmen' does not apply to the State as the number of Post Offices in the Province has almost remained - stationery during thirty years. The number of Post Offices of all classes both Departmental and extra-Departmental increased in 1915 over the figures for - 1914 by 14 in Bombay and 22 in Madras. The number of Postmen, Village Postmen, and inferior postmen servants in the same period rose in Bombay by 72 and in Madras by 264. While these are the figures for the neighbouring Presidencies the number of Post Offices in the - State excluding the Civil and Military Station of Banga-

-lore in

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in 1915-1916 was 400. Two new Offices were established and three were closed during the year 1915-16. So by the end of the year the number fell by one - from 400 to 399. These consisted of four head offices, 102 sub-offices and 293 branch offices. We must repeat the statement that during thirty years the - number of Post Offices in the State has remained practically stationery. On the other hand in British - India during the ten years from 1904-1905 to 1914-1915 there was an average annual increase of 291.3 in the number of Post Offices. We do not know if it would be urged that there is any difficulty in finding suitable men for a large increase in the number of Post - Offices in rural tracts. With the phenominal increase in the nmber of Village Elementary Schools and their assured annual increase under the declared policy of the State such an objection would be totally inadmissible. We think we have demonstrated that there is - great need for a large increase in the number of Post Offices and that we are entitled to claim such a substantial development in the immediate future.

Bearing these considerations in mind the Committee make the following recommendations:-

(1) The number of Post Offices in the rural parts of the State should be increased. There can be no difficulty in opening offices in tracts where there are V.E. Schools. This is in the opinion of the Committee the true - and principal remedy.

In the light of the remarks in the earlier part of this report about the increasing profits

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of the Department we do not think there would be any justification for a rigid insistence upon a guarantee for each office. The results of the operations of the Department in the State should be judged as a whole. In the alternative His Highness' Government may take upon themselves the responsibility for groups of offices.

(2) The number of Village Post Men should be such and their beats should be so arranged that no Postman should be required to travel more than eight miles a day as a maximum and all Villages should whenever necessary be visited twice a week.

(3) The Village Postman should deliver articles only to the addressee. In cases where addressee is not found he should deliver it to the Village Headman or other specified individual whose signature should be obtained. The articles should also be entered in another register to be kept by such individual who will deliver to the addressee and obtain his signature.

-In considering these matters the Committee have realised vividly the paucity and the inadequacy of the information available on the subject. The statistics about the Province are included in the Madras Circle. We would suggest that the statistics such as are now obtainable for "Circles" should be annually published for the State as a unit. It would perhaps prevent the subject being lost sight of or

inadequate

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inadequate attention being paid to it if a para in the Dewan's Address or the Administration Report is devoted to it. (4)

Sd.S.Venkatesiah,

Sd.Hema Hanumanthiah,

ARSIKERE,
10th Septr: 17.

Sd.G.Ramaswamiengar,

Sd.B.Gundu Rao,

Sd.C.Chennakesaviah.

Detailed Note on Industries and Commerce

Subject.

Postal and Telegraph facilities.

2 drafts addressed to the Residency requesting for suitable standing arrangements being made for the opening of Post and Telegraph Offices whenever required by the Durbar subject to the question of recoupment of cost being settled later on by Government of India and asking for -- some specified works being taken up at once were prepared and submitted to Dewan on 3rd February 1917.

These drafts contain all necessary information on the subject.

To

The First Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Endorsement No.7075 dated 7th October 1916, giving cover to copies of the marginally noted communications regarding the question of improvements of postal facilities in the Mysore State, and to state as follows :-

1. E.C.3626 dated 8-9-1916 from the Post Master General, Madras.

2. No.64 S.-Ns.dated 11-8-16 from the Director - General of Posts and Telegraphs, Simla, to the Post Master General Madras.

1 (Vide page 5 of the Administration Report for 1915-16. (Flag X)

No.1905-06. 16775.
1915-16. 19338).

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2. The Durbar note with some regret that though there has been an annual average increase of over 350 in the - number of Post Offices in British India during the decade ending 1915-16, the number in the Mysore State has been - practically stationary for nearly 30 years, but the assurance of the Director General of Post Offices that he is quite willing to meet all reasonable requests of the Durbar for increased postal facilities is gratifying.

3. It is hardly open to question that the Durbar are better competent to judge than the Postal Department or any other authority whether a Post Office is required at a particular place or not. It is therefore requested that the Government of India may issue clear instructions to the Postal authorities to the effect that a Post Office may be opened

at any place within the Mysore State if the Durbar want it. Such action will, of course, be subject to the question of recoupment of cost being decided later on under general or - special orders of the Government of India. The Durbar undertake to give effect to any decision which the Government of India may arrive at after full consideration on the question of cost in any case.

4. As regards the additions and improvements asked for by the Durbar which have been summarised in the opening - pages of the Director General's letter under advertence, the provision of Rs. 100/- a month proposed to be made during the current year is, in the Durbar's opinion, quite inadequate. They desire that the several improvements and additions asked for may be divided into two parts as shown in the annexed statements The first part including about one half of the programme may be kindly got executed in the British Indian official year 1917-18 and the other half in the next year.

5. If the cost of the measures indicated in the foregoing paragraph cannot owing to the present financial stringency, be met by the Government of India the Durbar will be prepared to meet - such part of the additional cost, as

that Government may decide until the financial stringency is over, subject to future adjustment.

6. The Durbar also note with satisfaction that, in cases in which administrative grounds exist, the Director General will be prepared to dispense with the ordinary condition of self support, but they would again press for the consideration of the Government of India, in the event of any guarantee for the recoupment of cost being required of them, the question of a collective guarantee by taking into account all the post offices in the Mysore State. As the Government of India cannot be desirous of securing any profit guarantee arrangement is self-evident.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Financial Secretary
to Government.

R.N.3.

P A R T I.

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1. Opening of a new Branch Office at each of the 46 places shown in the accompanying list - (Vide List No.1).

2. Conversion of the existing Branch Offices at Hoskote and Turuvekere into Sub Offices.

3. Opending of a new Sub Office at Arsikere.

4. Opening of a new mail line between Sagar and Kallurkatte.

5. Revision of the arrangements on the Belur - Balebid, Tumkur - Pavagada and Arkalgud - Ramanathapur Lines.

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P A R T II.

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1. Opening of a new Branch Office at each of the 46 places shown in the accompanying list(Vide List No.3).

2. Arrangements for the earlier arrival of mails at Nagadi.

3. Provision of the following five Branch Offices with a daily mail service instead of a service twice or thrice a week :-

Talya.
Horakeredevarapura.
Sivaganga.
Dummi village.
Bharamanayakandrug.
in the Holalkere Taluk

4. More frequent deliveries by village postmen in the case of 16 villages (Vide List No.3).

5. Employment of 3 additional delivery Agents at Shikarpur and Kumsi.

6. Location of a letter box at each of 12 specified places. (Vide - List No.4).

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L I S T No. I.

District.	Place.
Bangalore.	1. Satanur.
	2. Alahalli.
	3. Kodihalli.
	4. Kadanoor.
	5. Melekote.
	6. Dodbelavangala.
	7. Jalamangala.
K o l a r.	8. Sugatur.
	9. Royalpad.
	10. Mandikal.
	11. Sieelingere.
	12. Basettihalli.
	13. Chelur.
T u m k u r.	14. Hulikunte.
	15. Baragur.
	16. Tavaragere.
	17. Mallur.
	18. Kibbanahalli.
M y s o r e.	19. Tagadur.
	20. Chatnahalli.
	21. Kabbali.
	22. Tippur.
	23. Hampapur.
Hassan.	24. Sukruvarasanthe.
	25. Anati.
	26. Dandiganahalli.
	27. Halekote.
	28. Javagal.
	29. Kenkare.
S h i m o g a.	30. Tavarekere.
	31. Tyavangi.
	32. Saavihalli.
	33. Keladi.
	34. Avinahalli.
	35. Karur.
	37. Tudur.
K a d u r.	38. Attigundi.
	39. Nemwar.
	40. Yegati.
Chitaldrug.	41. Hireguntanur.
	42. Sokke.
	43. Angod.
	44. Haddade.
	45. Lokekere.
	46. Hathode.

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L I S T No.II.

District.	Place.
Bangalore.	1. Kodamballi.
	2. Nannur.
	3. Bevur.
	4. Chakrabhavi.
	5. Sasalu.
	6. Hosahalli.
	7. Vadavatta.
	8. Kylancha.
	9. Dasanpura.
T u m k u r.	10. Chikthotlukere.
	11. Itigedibbanhalli.
	12. Badavanahalli.
	13. H o s u r.
	14. Gummaghatta.
	15. Tirumani.
	16. Mangalavadu.
	17. Hattighatta.
M ysore.	18. K a r y a.
	19. Hulhalli.
	20. Hanagada.
	21. Kanagalu.
	22. Bachahalli.
H a s s a n.	23. Bailahalli.
	24. Arehalli.
	25. Hallimysore.
	26. Kanakette.
	27. B a g a d e.
	28. Doddamagge.
Shimoga.	29. Gajanur.
	30. Holanur.
	31. Nadakalsi.
	32. Kanale.
	33 . Siravante.
	34. Hanagalalu.
	35. Aralagadu.
	36. Yedur.
	37. Hulikal.
	38. Lakshmipur.
	39. Guddekoppa.
Chitaldrug.	40. Belaghatta.
	41. Chikkakondanahalli.
	42. Hirehalli.
	43. Obalapur.
	44. Nagasamudra.
	45. Dharmapuram.
	46. Javakal.

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List No. III.

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Taluk.	Place.
Anekal.	1. Attibele. 2. Jigani. 3. Manne. 4. Jakkanahalli. 5. Gabbur.
Channarayapatna.	6. B a g u r.
Chamarajanagar.	7. Sante Marhalli. 8. Kuderu. 9. Nagavalli. 10. Amachavadi. 11. Udigala.
Krishnarajpet.	12. Santebachahalli. 13. Agale. 14. Madapura. 15. Mandagere. 16. Madavankodi.

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L i s t No.IV.

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Taluk.	Place.
Hoskote.	1. Nadavati.
	2. Mugubal.
	3. Bendiganahalli.
	4. Mugalur.
	5. Mundur.
	6. Kondarhalli.
Shimoga.	7. Anveri.
	8. Mangota.
	9. Maidolalu.
	10. Arahatolalu.
	11. Arabilchi.
Harihar (Sub)	12. Kondajji.

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To

The First Assistant
to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.6770 dated 23rd September 1916 communicating the views of the Government of India regarding the Durbar's proposals for obtaining increased facilities in extending telegraphic communication in the Mysore State.

2. The Durbar recognize the difficulties pointed out in determining the collective guarantee on all the telegraph offices in the Mysore State. But they venture to hope that they are not insuperable and that it may be possible to lay down simple working rules which, without aiming at exact precision in the matter of adjustment will on the whole be fair on both parties. After the first calculation is made, subsequent changes will be comparatively simple. If necessary, an officer may be deputed by the Government of India to make the calculations and draft the working rules and the Durbar will be prepared to afford any help and facilities that may be required in the matter and associate one of their own officers

in the work.

3. In the meantime and pending further changes in calculating the amount of -- guarantee by the adoption of a collective guarantee as proposed by the Durbar or otherwise as may be dicided later on, the Durbar agree to the group-guarantee system being adopted as explained in -- paragraph 3 of the letter under reply.

4. The Durbar therefore request that the 25 telegraph offices specified in the attached list in respect of which ---- guarantees have been sought for in the Madras Post Master-General's letter No. Co.047 dated 4th June 1915 communicated with Residency endorsement No.246 C. dated 18th December 1916 may be kindly arranged to be opened within the next six months.

5. The Durbar also desire that as a standing arrangement the telegraph authori ties may, to avoid the delay and result- ing inconvenience as in the instance of the telegraph office at Kannambadi, be asked to open an office within the State whenever asked by the Durbar to do so subject of course to the question of recoupment of cost being decided later on under the general or special orders of the Government of India. The Durbar will agree to give effect to any orders that may be passed by the Government of

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India after full consideration in the matter of guarantee or recoupment of cost appertaining to any particular office or groups of offices.

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Financial Secretary to Govt.

List of places where Telegraph Offices are required.

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1. Ainur.
2. Honnali.
3. Shikarpur.
4. Sorab.
5. Hole Narsipur.
6. Chennarayapatna.
7. Nagamangala.
8. Arkalgud.
9. Belur.
10. Yedahalli.
11. Chennagiri.
12. Jagalur.
13. T.Narasipur.
14. Malavalli.
15. Sidlaghatta.
16. Chintamani.
17. Hosadurg.
18. Chellakere.
19. Pavagada.
20. Hoskote.
21. Krishnarajpet.
22. Yedatore.
23. Chiknaikanhalli.
24. Nelamangala.
25. Magadi.